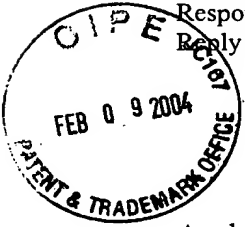


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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

(In response to Office action mailed January 9, 2004)

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated January 9, 2004
(Paper No.01062004). The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on
February 9, 2004.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single species for prosecution on the
merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with the species I, claims 12-22 without traverse.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with
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Applicant respectfully submits that claims 23 and 25 are generic, and claims 12-22 are readable on the elected species.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 30821US3.

Respectfully submitted,
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